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FIFTY-FIRST YEAR

BATTLES BEING FOUGHT IN THE SNOW AND MUD

Winter Weather Fails to Keep The Contending Armies From Engaging in Deadly Conflicts

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—In Poland and Galicia battles are being fought between Russia and the German-Austrian allies amid deep snow, and bitter cold. In Belgium and Northern France the Germans and French-British-Belgian allies are contesting in the mud fields foot by foot. No news of any decisive gain came from either side today. The Russian-Ger-

man claims continue to be directly contrary. The Germans in Poland are again making a fierce attack toward the capital. The Russians are making a stand against them on the east bank of the Bzura river, thirty miles west of Warsaw. Grand Duke Nicholas' army here holds a natural strategic line, fifty miles long, running roughly north and south along the east banks of the Bzura and Rawka rivers.

WOMEN FAIL TO NOMINATE A TICKET THAW LOSES HIS LONG FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

MANY TRIALS TO SECURE MEN TO MAKE RACE ARE UNSUCCESSFUL; BUT 1 TICKET IN FIELD

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The Yavapai County Council of Women Voters wish to officially announce to the public that they will have no ticket or candidate in the field for the coming city election.

COMMITTEE

After days of struggle and argument pro and con, during which time "steep" numbers of city tickets were proposed to defeat Mayor Timmerhoff and Councilmen Heap and Head, the Yavapai Council of Women Voters yesterday, at a special meeting, agreed that they would not place a ticket in the field. It is said that this result was not because many of the leaders did not want a ticket, but because they found it impossible to name a list of men who would consent to having their names used in such connection. The last ticket proposed was Homer Wood for mayor and Dr. McNally and Ziba O. Brown for councilmen. Dr. McNally flunked, Wood was reticent and undecided, and Brown did not evidence the enthusiasm that was thought necessary, and the women finally concluded that they had a job on their hands in comparison to which the moving of Granite mountain would be child's play, and agreed to abide by the nominations already made. LeRoy Anderson will not accept the nomination on the republican ticket, so it is probable that when election day rolls around there will be but one ticket in the field and that women and men alike will go to the polls and say by their votes to Messrs. Timmerhoff, Heap and Head, "go to it, you are the men of the hour."

THE WEATHER MAN

Says: For Prescott Tuesday: "Snow in northern portion of state."

Loses Life In Behalf Of Art Of Aerial Warfare

By Associated Press.

OCEANSIDE, Dec. 21.—Lieut. F. J. Gerstner, observer in one of the six army scout aeroplanes flying from San Diego to Los Angeles, was drowned in the sea near here. Capt. R. L. Muller, pilot of the machine, was rescued by Capt. L. W. Pamerson, another army aviator, who himself barely escaped death when the machine fell and turned over while landing near the beach. Pamerson

found a railroad car and raced to Las Flores and got a boat. The boatman rescued Muller who was badly bruised and had been in the water an hour. Gerstner's body was found entangled in the wreckage. Because of reports that signs of life were detected physicians worked over the body of Lieut. Gerstner for an hour but failed to resuscitate him. A pulmonologist was also rushed from San Diego.

First Victory Is Won By The "Wets" In Legal Fight Over The Dry Amendment

Three Federal Judges Decide They Have Jurisdiction to try the Case; Much Interest is Shown, Court Room Being Crowded; Decision Expected On Wednesday

Special to Journal-Miner.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—The first victory was won by the "Wets" today before three United States judges in the legal battle of the "Wets" for an injunction to prevent the enforcement of the recently enacted Arizona "dry" amendment.

The victory came when Judge Erskine Ross, speaking for his colleagues, Judges Wellborn and Sawtelle, ruled that he and his colleagues had jurisdiction to try the case. This was after Attorney A. C. Baker, of Phoenix, for the "Drys" had consumed almost the entire morning arguing that the tribunal had no jurisdiction over a constitutional amendment. His argument was successfully combatted by Eugene S. Ives, of Tucson, for the "Wets."

Three attorneys, George P. Bullard, Reese M. Ling and Ives, took up the argument for the injunction immediately after the decision of Judge Ross. Argument was taken at 4 o'clock until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at which time former Governor Sloan will make the closing argument. This will consume not more than forty-five minutes, he told the court. The "Drys" expect to argue not more than two hours, they said. It is more than probable a decision will be rendered Wednesday.

The tribunal before which the argument for the injunction is being made is unique in legal history, comprising as it does Judge Ross of the U. S. circuit court of appeals and Judges Wellborn and Sawtelle of U. S. district courts, of Los Angeles and Phoenix, respectively.

The court room was crowded today with laymen and attorneys. Numerous high court decisions were quoted and the intent of the Webb-Kenyon law, which prohibits the unlawful shipment of liquor into dry territory was gone into. Attorney Ives called the court's attention specifically to the fact that former President Taft had vetoed the Webb-Kenyon bill and that it was passed by congress over his veto. Ives scored the statement of the "Drys" in their brief that the Arizona amendment did not refer to the churches of the medicinal use of liquor. The amendment itself contradicted this, he said, and declared it was upon such statements that the people had voted for the measure. "We believe the whole thing was bad and that the influence behind it was insincere," he said in closing.

NEW PROJECTILE IS DEADLY COMBINATION

Scatters Mixture of Molten Steel Over Object of Attack and also Diffuses Noxious Gas

By Associated Press.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 21.—A new type of projectile which will scatter a white hot mixture of molten steel over the object of attack and at the same time permeate the atmosphere with a deadly gas which will make it impossible for fire fighters to approach, has been invented by John Hays Hammond, Jr., according to a statement by the inventor.

The missile may soon appear in the European war, as some of the belligerent nations are now negotiating for its purchase, he said. The United States government is at present conducting experiments with the new projectile at Sandy Hook, he added.

COPPER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Electricity \$13.37 to \$13.50.

SAFETY FIRST IS A MISNOMER THEY CLAIM EXECUTIONS ARE NUMEROUS IN MEXICO

ENGINEERS THREATEN TO STRIKE UNLESS CERTAIN FEATURES OF CAMPAIGN ARE ELIMINATED

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Threats of the engineers to strike unless certain features of efficiency tests of the railways safety first campaign were eliminated were made before the wage arbitration board by Warren S. Stone, and William E. Carter, representing the men. The men complain that the tests are made in such a way that the men sometimes leap from their engines and are injured when surprise tests are made.

POLITICAL RIVALS BEING PUT OUT OF THE WAY ON WHOLESALE PLAN, IS THE REPORT

By Associated Press.

EL PASO, Dec. 21.—Additional reports of the wholesale execution of political offenders in the interior of Mexico have reached the border. Persons arriving from Mexico City stated that sixteen men were killed at the national capital during last week. Reliable reports from Chihuahua City said 140 were killed there during last month. Many former federal officers as well as Carranza supporters, are named as having met death.

Mexican Politics.

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 21.—General Aragon, a member of the Aguas Calientes convention and Col. Berlangas, secretary of the convention of military chiefs, were executed at Mexico City December 8th, according to private advices.

It is reported that Berlangas had assailed the actions of Gutierrez, Villa and other leaders at the meeting of the convention. Aragon is said to have been accused of complicity in a plot to destroy the telegraph and railroad lines in northern Mexico to hamper the movements of Villa's troops.

FRENCH STATEMENT.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Progress all along the line is claimed in the French official communication this afternoon. Gains, although slight, are recorded in Belgium between Lys and the Aisne, in Champagne and in Argonne. At one point an advance of 1,200 yards is recorded and at another the French made about 500 yards. Progress was made between Argonne and the Meuse on the right bank. The French artillery report a successful assault on the Aisne defenses near Rheims and elsewhere.

OLD MEN ON TOP.

LONDON, Dec. 21. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The stipulation—"Only young men need apply"—a phrase so tragic to the man over forty, bids fair to be done away with in England during the war. An agitation has just been started calling attention to the fact that employees who demand men under thirty are thus directly competing against the recruiting authorities. This was pointed out in a letter to the Lord Mayor, urging him to lay the matter before all business men in the form of some public pronouncement.

ARMED BODICES.

AMSTERDAM, (via London) Dec. 21. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A large department store in Berlin is doing a big business in what it calls "armed bodices" for soldiers. These are in the shape of a soft leather waist-coast fitted with seventeen pockets in front of the heart, lungs and stomach. The idea is that the soldier at the front will carry his money and other metal articles distributed over these pockets in such a way as to present a kind of armor to the enemy's bullets.

SILVER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Silver, 49 3/4c.

Scott Ready To Talk To Mexican Chiefs At Naco

By Associated Press.

NACO, Dec. 21.—Negotiations to end the warfare just across the Mexican border were begun by Brigadier General Scott, chief of staff of the army. Conferences with Maytorena were arranged but the meeting set for today had to be postponed on account of bad weather. Early tomorrow morning Scott will meet Hill, probably at the bullet-punctured United States customs

house, fifty feet from the boundary on the American side. The customs officials recently abandoned the place.

MANY STUDENTS KILLED.

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 21. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The latest official lists show that 79 members of Cambridge university are known to have lost their lives at the front.

MURPHY STILL IN, COMMISSION IS OUSTED

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—San Francisco's fire chief, Thomas Murphy, is back on the job tonight, the undisputed head of the fire department so far as a rival for his office is concerned, but the city is without a board of fire commissioners.

Late today Mayor Rolph suspended the entire board after they attempted for the second time to oust Murphy and put Patrick Shaughnessy, former chief of the fire department, in his place.

TO REVISE LAWS.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The government has decided to introduce in parliament a bill modifying the naturalization law of 1889, says the Matin. This measure will permit the government to cancel the naturalization of all persons who shall keep their original nationality or by any conduct toward hostile powers may be judged unworthy to retain their French citizenship.

Germans Are Out Of Middelkerke

By Associated Press.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.—According to the newspaper Tiji, the Germans have evacuated Middelkerke. There has been a considerable movement among the German troops in West Flanders.

BRITISH REGAIN TRENCHES THEY HAD LOST

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 21. (Night official.)—"The British troops attacked the enemy this morning and regained most of the trenches previously lost. Before Linons, the enemy delivered four successive attacks for the purpose of re-capturing the trenches we won, but all were repulsed. We gained a foothold in the enemy's first line of trenches south of Noyon and made progress west of St. Mard."

FATE OF EASTERN EUROPE HINGES ON OUTCOME OF BATTLE OF WARSAW

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A great battle will be fought west of Warsaw, from the indications of recent dispatches from Berlin and Petrograd. British military observers believe that the German contention that Von Hindenburg has scored a notable success over the Russians must be qualified.

A parallel case is found in the recent claims of a crushing Russian victory near Lodz, which probably proved premature. Von Hindenburg's army has made a steady advance in the direction of the Polish capital, but the Russians in falling back ap-

pear to have taken new positions in strong entrenchments.

Despite the fact that the invaders are within two or three days' march of Warsaw, it appears that much hard fighting must come before a decisive victory is achieved.

Along the southern frontier in East Prussia the Russians claim the upper hand. In southern Poland and in western Galicia the Austro-Germans claim they are sweeping the Russians before them. The kaiser has sufficiently recovered to return again to the front. Little but siege warfare is recorded anywhere in the west.

Austrian leaders assert that they have cleared the Russians out of west Galicia. This means that the siege of Cracow has been raised, and if this advance continues it may bring relief to the Austrian garrison at Przemyśl.

A prominent neutral reached London today from Berlin and expressed the opinion that the Germans are not thinking seriously of a Zeppelin invasion of England. According to this observer they regard the apprehension and precaution which have been taken in English cities against a Zeppelin attack as a great joke.